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Memo to DD/S from Wheelon

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STAT Reps of DDS&T have in recent weeks had fruitful discussions with O/L re establishment of new procedures which will ensure closer interface on contract procurement matters. At time operating circs do not allow time for O/L to negotiate under ideal conditions of lead time etc. Yet DDS&T must do as much as possible to give O/L as much advance info as possible re expediting certain procurement requests. Recent negotiations will ease the burdens of the respective offices.

O/L was later requested to render bi-monthly reports on status of contracts to DD/S&T, but refused to do so saying they did not have capability for this added task.

On 4 March 1964 Wheelon to DD/S informed latter of the above and expressed concern ~~xxxxxx~~ over the DD/S statement on procurement policy (Dec 1963 draft) which he considered would add complicated procedures lessening the quick reaction capability in the accomplishment of complex undertakings on behalf of the national security.

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